

KBSNA sessions to be held in conjunction with AAR/SBL annual meeting in San Francisco, November 20-21

The Barth Society program prior to the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature is being expanded this year to include a second session on Saturday morning in addition to the customary Friday afternoon meeting.

For those who attend the AAR convention, coming early for the KBSNA program will be "doubly worthwhile" this year because of the additional Saturday morning session, according to Walter Lowe (Emory University), who arranged the program.

Again this year the overall theme will be "Barth and the Holy Spirit."

The first session on Friday afternoon, November 20, will run from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. It will be held in Hilton Towers 3, in the Marin Room on the 4th floor, with Martin Rumscheidt (Atlantic School of Theology) presiding. There will be a brief business meeting, followed by two presentations.

At 2:30 John Webster (University of Toronto) will speak on "*The Holy Spirit and the Christian Life*." Those desiring to prepare for this presentation are asked to read *Church Dogmatics* IV/4, pp. 3-40.

At 4:00 James Buckley (Loyola College) will speak on "*The Holy Spirit and the Church*." The suggested reading for this paper is *Church Dogmatics* IV/3 (second half), pp. 681-762.

The Saturday morning session November 21, also in the Marin Room of Hilton Towers 3, will begin at 9:00 with a presentation by Lyle Daveny, who wrote his dissertation under Jürgen Moltmann, on "*Creation and Redemption from a Pneumatological Perspective*," which is a critique of Moltmann's Trinity doctrine. He will be speaking informally about his dissertation.

The rest of the time on Saturday morning will be devoted to open discussion of research interests that any member of the society may wish to raise. George Hunsinger (Bangor Theological Seminary) will preside.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE KARL BARTH SOCIETY

The Karl Barth Society of North America is being reactivated. A new membership list is being compiled. Members receive the Society's Newsletter and announcements of the KBSNA annual conference and of its session held prior to the annual meeting of the AAR/SBL.

To become a member, send your name, address, and annual dues of \$10.00 to Professor Russell Palmer, 5061 Blondo, Omaha, Nebraska 68104.

Members whose dues were paid prior to September 1991 are urged to send in their annual renewal.

KBSNA conference held at Elmhurst College in June

Approximately 50 persons attended the first of the new series of annual Barth Society conferences held at Elmhurst College June 18-19, 1992. David Demson, KBSNA Secretary, said he was pleased with the turnout, commenting that it seemed to be an ideal size for this sort of conference.

The two major papers on the theme of "Karl Barth and the Problem of Evil" were well received by conference participants. Ron Goetz's presentation, "In Pursuit of the Illusively Enigmatic: The Theodicy Karl Barth," was stimulating, provocative, and critical of Barth's theodicy, which Goetz found inconsistent and unsatisfying. The other paper, "The Suffering of God and the Problem of Evil in the Theology of Karl Barth" by Robert Shippey, was more expository and, as he put it at the beginning of his presentation, kinder to Barth (and to God)! There was lively discussion after each paper.

Following the banquet on Thursday, an evening session was devoted to discussion of the section on <Das Nichtige> in the *Church Dogmatics*. Helpful clarifications were provided by George Hunsinger and others.

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On Friday morning, Bruce Marshall and Steve Webb engaged in an edifying "give-and-take" by reviewing each other's recent books on Barth. Webb is the author of *Refiguring Theology: The Rhetoric of Karl Barth* (SUNY Press), and Marshall has published *Christology in Conflict* (Blackwell), a study of the Christologies of Barth and Rahner. These two presentations, including responses, were much appreciated by those in attendance.

Many of those attending expressed their enthusiasm over the conference and looked forward to next year's gathering in Toronto.

Lutheran conference on Barth held in Twin Cities in June

The Institute for Mission in the U.S.A. of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America held its fifth biennial conference on the theology of Karl Barth June 22-24 at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The theme of this year's conference was "Christian Hope and the Human Future," with the subtitle "the Kingdom of God and the Church's Mission Today."

Speakers included Gerhard Forde (Luther Northwestern), Eric Gritsch (Gettysburg), George Hunsinger (Bangor), Mary Knutsen (Luther Northwestern), Marc Kolden (Luther Northwestern), John Webster (Toronto), William Werpehowski (Villanova), and Timothy Lull (Pacific Lutheran/GTU).

Even though at least one speaker seemed to dismiss Barth by pointing out that (1) Barth is not Luther and (2) Luther is to be preferred, others were more positive.

Tim Lull, speaking on "The Dilemma of Discipleship," argued that the church today needs to re-connect the two aspects of Luther's definition of Christian freedom, and to recover its teaching authority and ethical vision. He called attention to Barth's "stunningly positive" evaluation of Bonhoeffer's book on *Discipleship* in IV/2 and recommended that, in addition to re-reading Bonhoeffer, we can get a lot of help from Barth. Barth's last writings, said Lull, are especially rich. He suggested the section on the Call to Discipleship in IV/2 and the treatment of baptism with the Holy Spirit in IV/4. He called particular attention to IV/2, pp. 548-51, where Barth asserts five ways in which discipleship is liberation: from the tyranny of possessions (cf. American consumerism), from the tyranny of honor and fashion, from our attachment to force and violence (where Barth urges us to take seriously the question of pacifism), from the tyranny of our attachments (the family is not an absolute!), and from the tyranny of piety and religion.

George Hunsinger called for Lutherans and Barthians to rally around what they have in common. While there are places where Barth wants to see unities where Lutherans see distinctions, too much is made of these differences. We ought to allow for diversity when we have so much in common, he said.

Wayne Stumme, conference director, is to be commended for his indefatigable efforts to make Barth's theology available to Lutheran pastors as a resource for their work.

Papers on Barth invited for regional AAR/SBL meeting in Omaha, Spring 1993

The Rocky Mountain-Great Plains regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 16-17, 1993, at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The UNO Department of Philosophy and Religion will host the meeting.

The program will include a session on the theology of Karl Barth (and related topics), if there are enough suitable papers submitted. Readers of the Barth Society Newsletter are especially invited to submit proposals for this session.

Proposals for papers must be submitted by October 30. Each proposal should include a one-page abstract of the paper. Please send proposals to Professor Russell W. Palmer, Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha NE 68182-0265.

KBSNA Board of Directors elected at Elmhurst Conference

At a business meeting following dinner on June 18, those attending the Barth Society conference at Elmhurst College voted to elect members of the two divisions of the Board of Directors (eight regular members and eight corresponding members).

- The following were elected as directors of the society:
 - William Placher (Wabash College)
 - Bruce Marshall (St. Olaf College)
 - Donald Dayton (Northern Baptist Seminary)
 - I. John Hesselink (Western Theological Seminary)
 - Russell W. Palmer (University of Nebraska at Omaha)
 - Ronald W. Goetz (Elmhurst College)
 - James Nelson (North Park College)
 - David Demson (Emmanuel College, Toronto)
- The eight corresponding members chosen were:
 - John de Gruchy (University of Cape Town, S. Africa)
 - William Klempa (Presbyterian College, Montreal)
 - Walter Lowe (Emory University)
 - Suzanne Selinger (Drew University)
 - George Hunsinger (Bangor Theological Seminary)
 - Wayne Stumme (Trinity Lutheran Seminary)
 - Charles Dickinson
 - Martin Rumscheidt (Atlantic School of Theology)

In view of the participation of parish pastors in the Elmhurst Conference, it was suggested that pastors should be represented on the board in the future.

Board chooses officers for 92-93

Chosen by the board to serve as officers for 1992-93 were:

President: Ron Goetz

Vice President: Don Dayton

Secretary: David Demson*

Acting Treasurer: Russ Palmer**

*David Demson, Secretary of KBSNA since its inception in 1972, wished to step down after 20 years in the post. Despite his wishes, he was persuaded to remain on the job for one more year, during which he will be responsible for planning and arranging for the 1993 annual conference to be held in Toronto. However, he extracted from the board a promise that a new Secretary will be elected next year.

**The constitution provides for a Secretary-Treasurer. It was decided, however, to separate the Treasurer's function from that of the Secretary for this year, and to ask Russ Palmer (Newsletter Editor and Membership Secretary) to serve as Acting Treasurer for 1992-93.

Busy pastor takes time for Barth

Three cheers for the pastor at the Elmhurst Conference who mentioned that he reads 10 pages of Barth every day!

1993 KBS conference set for June 18-19 in Toronto

Plans are underway for the second in the new series of annual spring/summer conferences of the Karl Barth Society. The 1993 conference will be held June 18-19 in Toronto.

The theme will be "Barth and Luther." Professor David Yeago (Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary) has agreed to speak; arrangements for other presenters are still in progress.

Professor Robert Osborn (Duke University), author of a new book, *The Barmen Declaration as a Paradigm for a Theology of the American Church* (Edwin Mellen Press), will be one of the authors featured in the segment initiated this year, where authors of recent books on Barth review each other's work.

Further details of the program will be included in the next issue of the Newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE

I am concluding my first year of Ph.D. studies in systematic theology at Southern Methodist University, and I plan on focusing on Barth for my dissertation. It is comforting to me at this early stage of my studies that there is such an organization as this, replete with many gifted people who likewise enjoy Karl Barth's contributions to theology. Thank you for your work in running this forum.

Daniel Griswold
Dallas

I enjoyed reading the article about Barth and Brunner on Schleiermacher (KBS Newsletter #5, March 1992). Keep up those interesting features of the Newsletter!

Here are a few things that might be of interest to readers:

From Mr. Markus Wildi, the librarian of the Kantonsbibliothek in Aargau, Switzerland, one of the leading experts and editor of Karl Barth's bibliography, I learned that he anticipates volume 2 of his Karl Barth bibliography to be coming out in May 1992. This should prove to be the most comprehensive bibliography of secondary literature on Barth. In an earlier letter to me he mentioned that he anticipates it to be some 1,000 pages plus some 600 pages for the Index volume alone. As far as the price is concerned, hold your breath: 1200 Swiss Francs. If you (or your library) wish to order it, you can write directly to him: Markus Wildi, Aargauische Kantonsbibliothek, 5001 Aarau, Switzerland. Telephone (064) 212154.

In the latest issue of Andrews University Seminary Studies 29/3 (1991), 205-211, I have published an article: "Karl Barth's *Church Dogmatics* on the Atonement: Some Translational Problems." I am enclosing a copy for your files or for a "research resource center" of the KBSNA, if there exists such a thing. If nothing like it exists in North America, I would encourage some serious thinking about it.

I wrote my M.A. thesis on an aspect that to my knowledge has been neglected in Barth research: "The Concept of the Divine Wrath in the *Church Dogmatics* of Karl Barth" (Andrews University, 1989).

Frank M. Hasel

Berrien Springs, Michigan

[Editor's note: David Demson has been keeping a collection of books by and about Barth in Toronto, but not much attention has been paid to it. Do others see a need for such a central collection of Barth materials?]

... I was the last American to get his doctorate under Karl Barth... Apart from a handful of articles, I have not contributed much to Barth studies. You might, however, find my Warfield Lectures of some interest. They were published in 1990 by SCM and Trinity Presses under the title: *The Freedom of God and Human Liberation*. In them I attempted to apply Barth's doctrine of God to the notion of the freedom and liberating activity of God and other aspects of Barth's thought to various liberation theologies.

I am heartily glad for the renewal of interest in Barth in the still rather alien atmosphere of American theology and I very much appreciate the work that you and others are doing in this regard.

Alexander J. McKelway
Dept. of Religion, Davidson College
Davidson, N. C.

[Editor's note: Prof. McKelway enclosed a \$100 check as a contribution to the KBSNA!]

KARL BARTH'S CRITICAL RESPONSE TO THE RENGSDORF THESES

The Rengsdorf Theses were written on October 13, 1933 at a "Conference of Ten Clergymen and Laymen," directed and called by Bishop Heinrich Oberheid. They were sent to all pastors of the Rhineland, where strong support for the Confessional Church had developed and was growing. These theses provide a precise statement of the core beliefs of the "German Christians." The similarity to the thought of the political and religious right of today is disconcerting.

Thesis 1. The words "*Deus dixit*" [God has spoken] give the revelation of God merely a formal and consequently imprecise expression. They seduce theology into reflecting existentially in a way that does not correspond to reality. The revelation of God lies enclosed in *Deus creavit, salvavit, sanctificavit* [God has created, saved and sanctified]. God is Creator, and Redeemer; he gives the Holy Spirit.

Barth's response to Thesis 1:

The statement "*Deus dixit*" is a reference to the fact that God's revelation happened conclusively in Jesus Christ and that it is witnessed to conclusively in the Holy Scriptures. We do not know what creation, redemption and sanctification are. We must allow this to be communicated to us through God's Word.

Whoever rejects this statement as "merely formal" replaces the free Word of God with an arbitrary statement of human self-understanding and removes oneself from the Protestant Church.

Thesis 2. A universal Christianity does not exist. Christianity in-itself is an abstraction foreign to reality. For the German people there can only be a Christianity rooted in German nationhood.

Barth's response to Thesis 2:

The genuine uniqueness and concreteness of "Christianity" on the soil of German nationhood cannot be derived from what we think we know about the German nation. Rather it is to be acknowledged as that form in which is revealed on this soil the one commandment and the only comfort of his Word according to his own wisdom and will.

Whoever proclaims today "a Christianity rooted in German nationhood" binds the Word of God to a self-empowered and created *Weltanschauung*; and thereby raises up this *Weltanschauung* and removes oneself from the Protestant Church.

Thesis 3. An unencumbered commitment to the Gospel on the one hand and an equally unencumbered commitment to German nationhood on the other hand (i.e., the NAZI state) does not conceal a contradiction at all.

Barth's response to Thesis 3:

The Christian confession of faith is the only "unencumbered" commitment that is commanded and permitted. On this basis all other standpoints (even those towards German nationhood and towards the NAZI state) are to be critically assessed.

Whoever speaks today of two unencumbered standpoints is claiming to be able to serve Yahweh and Baal, God and Mammon, and removes oneself from the Protestant Church.

Thesis 4. Through the Reformation the Gospel became melded with the German national character. History confirms that the proclamation of the Gospel corresponds to the German race.

Barth's response to Thesis 4:

The Reformation understood as the renewal of the Church through God's Word has been made manifest to the German people not according to their character; but rather it has been revealed to them according to the wisdom and will of divine providence. It has not corresponded and does not correspond to the German race any more than to any other race.

Whoever today treats the Reformation as a specific German affair interprets it as secular history and removes oneself from the Protestant Church.

Thesis 5. The NAZI revolution has impressed on the German people a unified stand that is proper for the faith and for nationhood in the same way.

Barth's response to Thesis 5:

A proper faith stance is the mystery of our new birth through the Word and Spirit of God. It can neither be given character by the NAZI revolution nor

be directly or indirectly identical with a national disposition formed by the NAZI revolution.

Whoever today proclaims a faith stance formed by events like the NAZI revolution makes faith itself a temporal work and removes oneself from the Protestant Church.

Thesis 6. The nation is founded on the values for which the German offers his life. These values are a healthy family life, blood and earth, devotion to nation and state and in everything obedience to God.

Barth's response to Thesis 6:

Alone Jesus Christ has vicariously offered his life in obedience to God for our disobedience. Christian discipleship can indeed mean the offering of one's life for the gifts of God; it can also mean to free ourselves from them.

Whoever today, uncritically and in one breath, talks about offering one's life in obedience to God and for the values of the German people denies sin, the reconciliation through Christ alone, and the freedom of the divine commandment. They thereby remove themselves from the Protestant Church.

Thesis 7. State and church are both divinely willed institutions. Therefore they cannot fall into conflict with each other. If nonetheless a conflict occurs, then there is an overextension of one or the other side. The church owes the state obedience in all earthly things. The state is to preserve room for the church to accomplish its task.

Barth's response to Thesis 7:

Not the divine institution but rather the human reality of the church and state must and will in our sin-dominated history always find itself in conflict. To discern wherein obedience in earthly things is owed by the church to the state, and what kind of room the state should preserve for the church to accomplish its task, both sides must mutually remain attentive to and continually study God's Word.

Whoever today intends conclusively to control the relationship of church and state on the basis of generalities, abstracting both from listening to the living Word, bases their thought in fact already upon the promise of a self-glorying state instead of upon the promise given to the church (concerning the church

and state!). Thereby they remove themselves from the Protestant Church.

Barth's summary:

The "theology" of the Rengsdorf Theses is clearly not theology. Instead it is a specimen of contemporary Gnosticism worked out with Christian conceptuality. It is not a confession of the first, the second or the third article of the confession to God's Word. Instead it conceives and handles all three as explications of human self-understanding (in the contemporary emphasis on the national moment). This theology has placed itself in the position of earthly ecclesial power by usurpation. For both reasons it should not be discussed as a world-view, but rather expressly for the sake of Christian love constantly be rejected and fought.

Translated and introduced by Paul D. Matheny
Paul Matheny (D.Theol., Heidelberg) is Pastor of Westhampton Christian Church in Roanoke, Virginia

2 KBS members begin teaching in Texas

Ellen Charry, a member of the KBSNA who attended the Elmhurst Conference in June, has joined the faculty of Perkins School of Theology at SMU.

Wm. Stacy Johnson, a KBSNA member who is completing a dissertation on Barth at Harvard, has been appointed assistant professor of theology at Austin Presbyterian Seminary.

Barth on CD-ROM?

Bengt Rasmusson of KAB Konsult AB in Sweden has contacted KBSNA Secretary David Demson seeking support for his firm's proposed project of putting the *Kirchliche Dogmatik* (and perhaps the *Church Dogmatics* as well) on CD-ROM full text database. This would create an index of every word in the text and would provide linking and grouping tools.

Mr. Rasmusson is seeking answers to the following questions: Are there institutions which would support the project financially? Would members of the KBSNA be interested in the project? Are there any institutions that would sell copies? Which institutions would be potential buyers of copies? Would interested members and institutions be willing to place binding orders in advance? (See ordering information elsewhere in this issue.)

Editor's note:

If you have anything to contribute to the Newsletter, (articles, book reviews, news items) or any other suggestions, please send them to the editor: Russell W. Palmer, 5061 Blondo, Omaha NE 68104. Telephone (402) 558-9725, or leave a message with Monica Saxton, Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Nebraska at Omaha, at (402) 554-2628.

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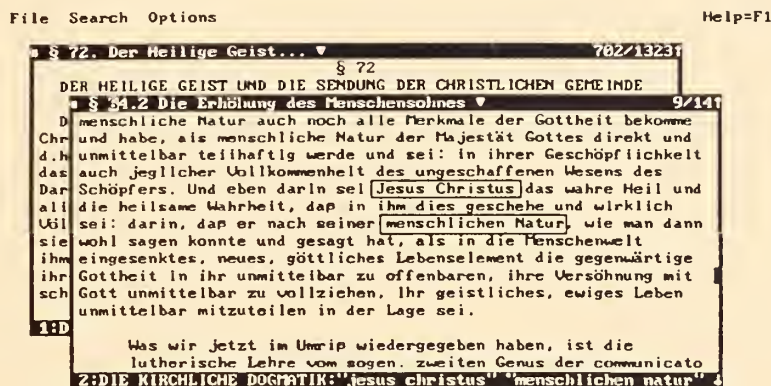
Die Kirchliche Dogmatik on CD-ROM

The revolution in computer technology has led to a smaller revolution in the way scholars handle information. Now this smaller revolution is about to reach the area of theology. The Swedish company KAB Konsult is considering publishing several theological databases, especially in the area of history of theology.

One of our projects is Karl Barth's most outstanding and important theological work *Die Kirchliche Dogmatik*. It will be published on a CD-ROM disk as a fulltext database combined with *Folio Corporation's* highly acclaimed search and retrieval software *Folio VIEWS*. With its searching tools the user has virtually unlimited, instant access to the whole work (one can search for words, phrases, use wildcards and logical operators, etc). Pop-up search windows provides a comprehensive index of all words in the database, and search results are displayed as one types. Best of all, it takes only minutes to learn how to search effectively. *Folio VIEWS* also provides other powerful so called hypertext facilities.

This product will be available within one or two years. The retail price will be \$995. But for subscriptions made until the end of January 1993 the price will be \$695, and after that until the end of December 1993, \$850.

However, before we proceed with the project we will need at least 100 subscriptions in advance. Below you find a subscription order form, which we would be grateful if you could send to the address below. Each subscriber will later be informed about the progress of the project.



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Issue #1 (May 1990) featured "A Neglected Statement: The Darmstadt Declaration," introduced and translated by Paul Matheny. Also News from Europe: Dutch and Swiss Barth Conferences give rise to new journal. News of KBS session held at 1989 AAR/SBL meeting (the first in the current series). Editorial: "Whither the Karl Barth Society?"

[Issue #2 (September 1990) was simply a one-page announcement of the program for the KBS session at the AAR/SBL annual meeting in New Orleans.]

Issue #3 (November 1990): "How to Read Karl Barth" by George Hunsinger (a portion of the opening chapter of his book). Report from Switzerland - a brief note on the 1990 Leuenberg conference. Book notes (three new books about Barth). "Life Is at Stake" by Karl Barth, introduced and translated by Paul Matheny. Correspondence - letters and news items submitted by readers. Report on the 4th Barth Conference held at Luther Northwestern Seminary.

Issue #4 (September 1991): "Karl Barth and Gerhard Kittel: A Theological Exchange" introduced and translated by Paul Matheny. *Dogmatics and Ethics: The Theological Realism and Ethics of Karl Barth's Church Dogmatics* by Paul D. Matheny -- a major book review by George Hunsinger. *Re-figuring Theology: The Rhetoric of Karl Barth* by Stephen H. Webb, reviewed by William C. Placher. News reports of Barth Society session at 1990 AAR/SBL meeting in New Orleans and the Summer 1991 KBSNA Executive Board meeting. Correspondence.

Issue #5 (March 1992): "Barth and Brunner on Schleiermacher" by Russell W. Palmer. Report on the KBS session at the 1991 AAR meeting in Kansas City (presentations by Robert Jenson and George Hunsinger, and the Saturday morning discussion convened by Walter Lowe). Correspondence.

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